OLR Bill Analysis sHB 5126

AN ACT INCREASING ANCHORAGE AND MOORING FEES PAID TO HARBOR MASTERS.

**SUMMARY:** 

This bill increases, from \$200 to \$400, the maximum annual fee a harbor management commission can charge for mooring and anchorage permits. By law, the fees must go to a fund in the municipality where they are collected and used for harbor maintenance and improvement and the expenses of the commission and harbor master or deputy harbor master.

The bill also allows each harbor management commission to propose a fee schedule for mooring and anchorage permits that is between 10% and 100% greater than the applicable fee as of October 1, 2011. The legislative body of the town that created the harbor management commission must implement or reject the proposed fee schedule by July 1, 2012. The bill requires any fee increase to go to a fund in the municipality where it is collected and used as the

municipality deems appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

**Environment Committee** 

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/09/2011)